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## 3 WRITERS CALLED BACKERS OF CASTRO

WASHINGTON, July 19 (UPI)—A refugee Cuban politi-cal writer accused three Amer-ican reporters today of writing distorted stories on Cuba in favor of the Castro regime.

In testimony at a Senate hearing, Carlos Todd, now president and editor of the Cubar Information Service, Coral Gables, Fla., named the reporters as retired Brig. Gen. Hugh B. Hester of Chapel Hill, N. C., Charles Kuralt and John Hlavasceck. ceck.

Mr. Todd said Mr. Hester went to Havana as a special correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance. Mr. Kuralt va sadmitted as a Columbia Broadcasting System television correspondent. Mr. Hlavaceck went to Havana for the National Broadcasting Com-

mester's press reports and Kurait and Hlavaceck's television appearances have all been favorable to the Castro Communist regime in one way or another," Mr. Todd sald.

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Senate Internal Security Sub-committee, which is investigatforces to pervert the American press." ing "attempts by the pro-Castro

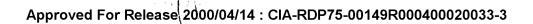
Mr. Todd was a columnist and political writer for The Times of Havana until he fled Cuba in October, 1960.

A spokesman for the North A spokisman for the North American Newspaper Alliance said here yesterday that Mr. Hester and another writer, Jesse Goldon, had written three stories fenich were straight interviews with top officials of the Crisin Government" about six or high months ago. The spoke-han said that since then Mr. Vister has "had no connection fith NANA."

Friend S. Salant, president of AB. S. News, said C.B. S. had complete confidence in the abilities and objectivity of

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ACCUSES U. S. REPORTERS. Carlos Todd, a rerugee Cuban political writer, now president of the Cuban Information Service, Coral Gables, Fin., told Senate Internal Security Sub-committee permbers that three American newsmen, Ret. Brig. Gen. Huffi B. Hester, Chapel Hill, N. C., Charles Kurait and John I hwaceck, brought back distorted stories on Cuba and the patro regime. All have been favorable to the Castro regime in one way or another, he said.

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